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## 2023 ARRL Field Day from Wassamki Springs

SCARBOROUGH, ME – On the weekend of June 24-25, the WSSM team participated in their 13th ARRL Field Day from Wassamki Springs Campground, in Scarborough... [Read Full Story](#)



## **WSSM Team Activates Nubble Lighthouse for ILLW 2023**

YORK, ME – On Saturday, August 19th, WSSM members activated Cape Neddick “Nubble” Light for International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW)... [Read Full Story](#)



## **2023 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) A Huge Success!**

WINDHAM, ME – During a 24-hour period beginning at noon on Friday, October

27th, and continuing through Saturday, members of the Wireless Society of Southern Maine Emergency Communications Team (WSSM-ECT) participated in a statewide drill to test their communications capabilities between various sites throughout Cumberland County and the state of Maine... [Read Full Story](#)

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## 2023 SKYWARN Recognition Day

After nearly three years of being in storage due to the pandemic, the radio gear at the NWS is setup and ready to be used for this year's SRD, which takes place December 2, 2023 from 0000z to 2400z (December 1st, 7 PM ET – December 2nd, 7 PM ET)... [Find out More](#)

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# MARCH 16, 2024

**2024 Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge is Saturday, March 16th**

*The 14th Annual Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge takes place Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 12PM - 4PM... [Find out More](#)*

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## **VE Exam in Windham, ME**

*If you're ready to upgrade, or trying for your first license, please join us for a VE Exam on Thursday, February 1st, 2024. The Wireless Society of Southern Maine and Portland Amateur Wireless Association will be hosting an exam session at 7PM at the South Windham Fire Station, 33 Main Street, Windham, Maine... [Read Full Story](#)*

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## **Upcoming Meetings / Events**

**12/14/2023 - Monthly Meeting (Holiday Pot Luck)** - 7pm - 9pm at the South Windham Fire Station, 33 Main Street, Windham, ME.

**12/21/2023 - Meeting on the Air** - 7pm on the 147.090 (+ / 100 Hz) repeater.

**12/28/2023 - ECT Meeting/Training Net** - 7pm at the CCEMA Bunker, 22 High Street, Windham, ME & the 449.225 (- / 103.5 Hz) repeater.

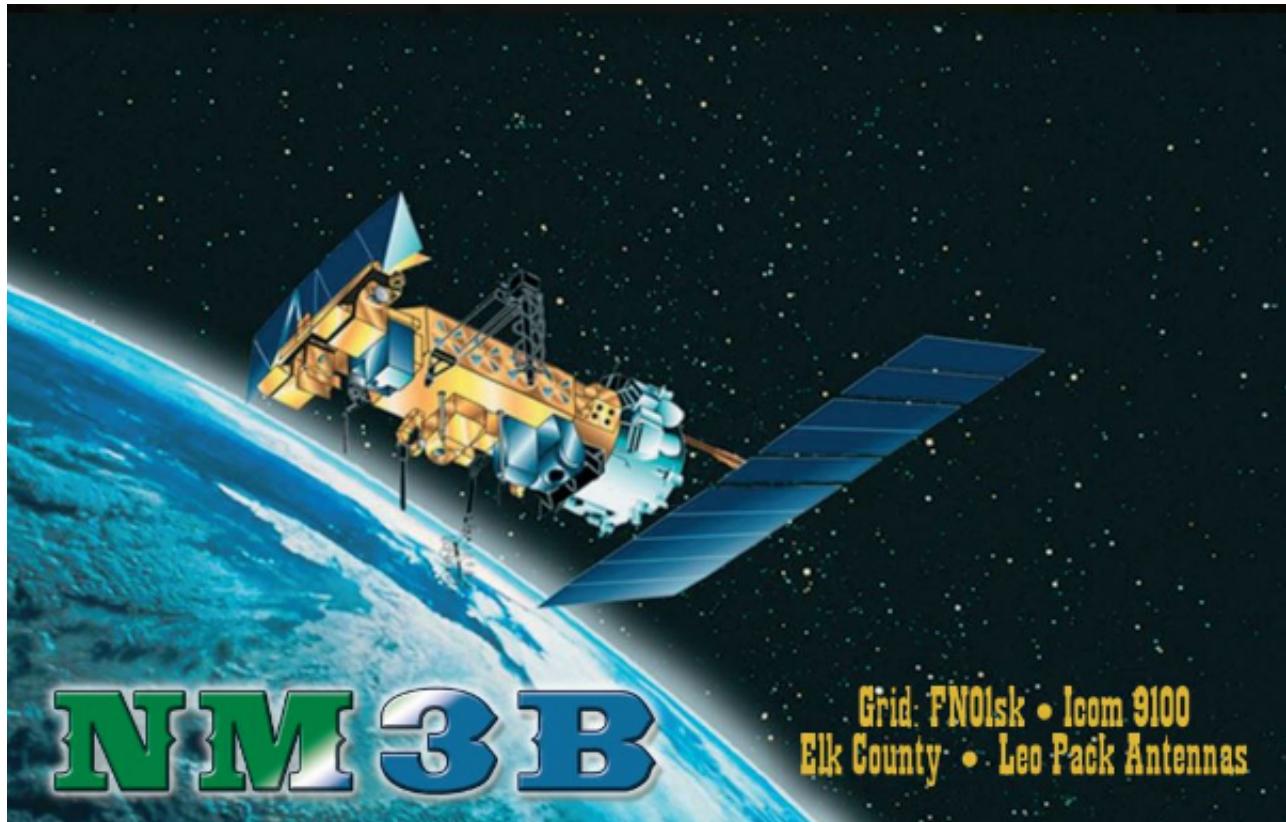
1/11/2024 - **Monthly Meeting** - 7pm - 9pm at the South Windham Fire Station, 33 Main Street, Windham, ME.

1/18/2024 - **Meeting on the Air** - 7pm on the 147.090 (+ / 100 Hz) repeater.

1/25/2024 - **ECT Meeting/Training Net** - 7pm at the CCEMA Bunker, 22 High Street, Windham, ME & the 449.225 (- / 103.5 Hz) repeater.

1/27/2024 - 1/28/2024 - [Winter Field Day](#).

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## **QSL Corner**

Above is a QSL card from NM3B, for a satellite QSO with W1Y (435/145 MHz, 59/59, 1531 UTC, 03/20/22). The QSL card depicts an amateur radio satellite, in orbit.

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## **DX News**

2023 was a great year for DXpeditions, with 3Y0J (Bouvet Island), CY0S (Sable Island), 3B7M (St. Brandon), TX6D (Tahiti), 4W1A (Timor Leste), 9X5RU (Rwanda), DX0NE (Spratly), E51D (North Cook), and others occurring throughout the year.

Over the next several weeks, we look forward to DXpeditions to Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, and Cocos Keeling, including some that will be active during the 10m contest, in December, and the 160m CW contest that takes place in late January. Here's a list of some announced DXpeditions between now and the end of January:

**Vanuatu - YJ0CA**; Ongoing (Oct 22 - Dec 5); By VK2YUS fm Port Vila; 40-10m; SSB; wires, verticals.

**Tanzania - 5H3MB**; Ongoing (Nov 8 - Dec 8); By IK2GZU; HF; SSB CW RTTY FT8; dipoles, ground plane; spare time operation.

**Sierra Leone - 9L5M**; Ongoing (Nov 26 - Dec 5); By M0KRI fm Freetown; 80-6m; FT8 CW SSB.

**St. Martin - TO9W**; Ongoing (Nov 26 - Dec 8); By K9NU N9EP FS4WBS W9AP K9EL; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY.

**Madagascar - 5R8VE**; Ongoing (Nov 29 - Dec 3); By F4EZG fm Nosy Faly I (IOTA AF-057); 20-10m; SSB FT8.

**Cocos Keeling - VK9CY**; Ongoing (Nov 29 - Dec 7); By YL2GM EA5EL fm IOTA OC-003; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8.

**Vietnam - 3W9C**; Ongoing (Nov 30 - Dec 9); By SP5APW fm Con Son I (IOTA AS-130); 20 17 15 10 6m; SSB FT8, some CW.

**British Virgin Islands - VP2VMM**; (Dec 4 - Dec 12); By Team Vertical; mainly 20-10m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest.

**Micronesia - V6EU**; (Dec 4 - Dec 16); By DL2AWG DK2AMM DL2AMD DF4GV fm Chuuk I (IOTA OC-011); 160-10m, perhaps 6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8.

**Lakshadweep - VU7A**; (Dec 5 - Dec 10); By W4VKU fm IOTA AS-106; 160-6m; SSB FT8.

**East Kiribati - T32TT**; (Dec 5 - Dec 21); By Rebel DX Group; 160-6m; focus on FT8 FT4 some CW SSB.

**Burkina Faso - XT2AW**; (Dec 6 - Dec 19); By DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; HF; CW SSB FT4 FT8; 100w.

**Surinam - PZ5NH**; (Dec 7 - Dec 14); By JA0JHQ; HF; CW SSB FT8.

**St. Kitts & Nevis - V47JA**; (Dec 9 - Dec 18); By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m;

SSB *FT8*; *yagi, verticals*.

**Cape Verde - D44MCS**; (Dec 11 - Dec 22); By OE3MCS fm Sal I (IOTA AF-068); 40-10m, perhaps 6m; SSB CW, perhaps *FT8* and *RTTY*.

**Rodrigues - 3B9AT**; (Dec 27 - Jan 6); By IK3ZAQ IV3JVJ fm IOTA AF-017; 40-10m; CW SSB *FT8*.

**Clipperton - TX5S**; (Jan 18 - Feb 1); By team fm IOTA NA-011 (DK50jh); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB CW *RTTY* *FT8*.

**Yemen - 7O2WX**; (Jan 25 - Feb 12); By OK2WX fm Socotra I; HF w/ focus on low bands; monoband verticals for 160 80 40m; QRV for CQ 160m CW.

For up-to-date news about reported DXpeditions, check out the latest [425 DX News Bulletin](#).

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